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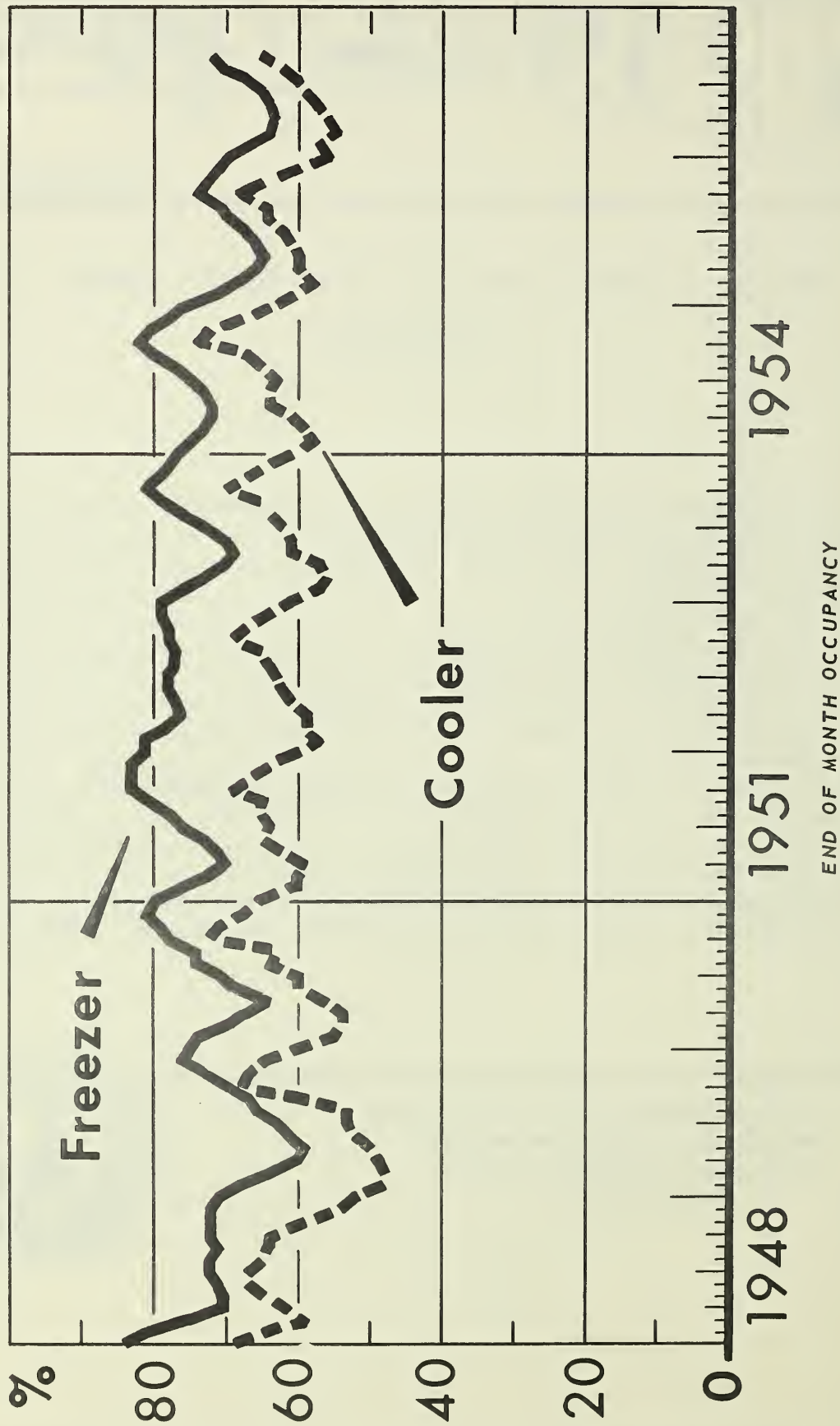
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# PERCENTAGE OCCUPANCY OF PUBLIC COLD-STORAGE WAREHOUSES





## COLD STORAGE REPORT

Analysis of holdings and space September 30, 1956

[Data for this report are collected from public, private, and semiprivate warehouses, apple houses, and meat-packing plants where food products are generally stored for 30 days or more. Commodities in space owned or leased and operated by the armed services are not reported. All September 30 figures are preliminary.]

### Commodity summary

September 30 refrigerated stocks of frozen fruits, at 490 million pounds, and stocks of frozen vegetables, at 875 million pounds, were the largest on record according to warehouse reports received by the Agricultural Marketing Service. At record levels for September were stocks of turkeys and total frozen poultry. September 30 stocks of turkeys totaled almost 96 million pounds compared with 77 million a year earlier while the total for all poultry amounted to 232 million pounds. Stocks of cream, butter, and cheese declined by greater than average amounts during September. By the end of the month, holdings of cream were down to 22 million pounds compared with 28 million, the 1951-55 average for this date. Holdings of butter, down 27 million from the month before, amounted to 91 million pounds by September 30. A year earlier, 295 million pounds were in storage. Warehouse stocks of cheese were reduced to 538 million pounds by September 30. This compares with 592 million a year earlier. September net withdrawals of shell eggs reduced warehouse stocks to 711,000 cases or 38 percent less than the stocks of a year earlier. September 30 holdings of frozen eggs, at 152 million pounds, were only 2 percent under the stocks of the year before, but 12 percent above average for this date. Red meat holdings were down 55 million to 406 million by September 30. This reduction was 18 percent less than average but 28 percent greater than the decrease of a year earlier. Warehouse holdings of meats on September 30, at 406 million pounds, were about equal to the stocks of a year ago and compare with 484 million--the 5-year average for this date.

### Storage occupancy

Occupancy of public cooler space increased during September in all regions except East North Central, East South Central and Pacific. The national occupancy of 65 percent on September 30 showed a gain of 2-points over the month before. This time last year, 64 percent of the space was occupied. The 1951-55 average for September 30 is 65 percent. Continuing its below average trend evidenced all during the year, freezer occupancy stood at 72 percent on September 30--6 points below average. A lower occupancy for September 30 has been reported only three times in the last 16 years--in 1955, 1949, and 1948. In the Middle Atlantic, Mountain, and Pacific regions, freezer occupancy was above the national use.

### General commodity movement

Warehouse stocks in both cooler and freezer space increased during September. The cooler increase totaled 160 million pounds which raised the total weight to 1.9 billion pounds. Increases were reported in stocks of fresh fruits and vegetables and selected dairy products. The increases in freezer weights were primarily in poultry, fruits, vegetables, and selected meat products. The cumulative gain of 59 million pounds brought the September 30 product weight in freezer space to 2.8 billion pounds--the second largest tonnage ever reported for this time of year.

### Fruits, vegetables, and juices

Warehouse stocks of fresh apples, including processing stocks, totaled almost 6 million bushels on September 30. Holdings of pears, which totaled 7.2 million boxes on August 31 declined to 5.8 million by September 30. The 1956 data includes processing stocks which were not included in earlier years, thus a direct comparison cannot be made with stocks data prior to 1956. The record holdings of frozen fruits in the amount of 490 million pounds was 3 percent larger than the



previous record high reported in 1946 and compare with 470 million reported this time last year. The average for this date is 392 million pounds. Frozen strawberry stocks, which reached a new high on August 31, with 244 million pounds, were down to 233 million pounds by September 30. The year before, 169 million pounds were in storage while 142 million pounds are average for this time of year. On October 30, 1953, frozen vegetable stocks totaled 737 million pounds. This was the largest ever in storage until August 31, 1956, when 751 million pounds were reported. Now this record has been surpassed by the September 30 inventories of frozen vegetables which totaled 875 million pounds. Gains in stocks of all frozen vegetable items except asparagus, peas, peas and carrots mixed, French fried potatoes, and spinach contributed significantly to the September net increase of 124 million pounds. By comparison, the net gain the year before totaled 67 million while the average gain for this time of year is 83 million pounds. Orange concentrate stocks declined 5 million gallons during September leaving 28 million in storage. This supply was 29 percent larger than the stocks of a year earlier and more than 50 percent larger than average.

#### Dairy and poultry products

Warehouse holdings of cream, at 22 million pounds, were slightly larger than those of a year earlier at which time 21 million pounds were in storage. The September 30 average is 28 million pounds. Almost twice as much butter moved from storage this September compared with the average change for the month. A net reduction of 27 million pounds left 91 million pounds of butter in storage which compares with 295 million this time last year. American cheese holdings declined 15 million pounds during September. This time last year there was a reduction of only 3 million. September 30 holdings, in the amount of 498 million pounds, were 11 percent less than American cheese stocks of a year earlier but 22 percent above average. Stocks of shell eggs continued to decrease and by September 30 holdings were down to 711,000 cases--38 percent less than the holdings of a year earlier. Frozen egg stocks were down to 152 million pounds by September 30. These stocks were 2 percent less than stocks of the year before but 12 percent above average for this time of year. The largest stocks of poultry ever in storage for September 30 were reported this year. Holdings totaled 232 million pounds. The previous high for September 30 was in 1947 when 206 million pounds were in storage. Also at a record level for this month were the September 30 stocks of turkeys at 96 million pounds. A year earlier, 77 million pounds were in storage while the 1951-55 average for this date is 67 million pounds.

#### Meat and meat products

Refrigerated stocks of red meats declined 55 million pounds during September leaving 406 million in storage by the end of the month. The principle reduction was in stocks of pork which fell off by 41 million pounds. Though this reduction was slightly larger than the decrease of 39 million pounds a year earlier, it was considerably less than the September average reduction of 62 million pounds. Total pork stocks were down to 163 million pounds which compares with 179 million this time last year and average holdings of 242 million pounds. Beef stocks, down 4 million from a month earlier, totaled 116 million pounds by September 30. This compares with 110 million on September 30, 1955 and with 127 million pounds, the 5-year average for this date.

#### Storage outlook

Cooler occupancy, which has been under average most of the year, increased sufficiently during September to equal the 5-year average for the date. The monthly gain of 2-points was larger than a year earlier and the average gain for this period. Usually, the cooler gain during October is the largest of the year and according to the average change, an increase of 5-points is not unlikely. Freezer occupancy is expected to show a small increase--1 or 2 points.



Table 1. -- Net changes in storage holdings during September (1)

Cooler commodities	Holdings September 30, 1956	September net change		Freezer commodities	Holdings September 30, 1956	September net change	
		Quantity	Pct.			Quantity	Pct.
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	Pct.		1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	Pct.
Apples.....	285,120	272,304	-	Cream.....	22,200	- 5,762	21
Pears.....	266,650	- 86,000	24	Butter, creamery	91,346	- 26,871	23
Other fresh fruits	69,022	27,111	65	Eggs.....	151,920	- 16,023	10
Fresh vegetables..	28,656	13,836	93	Poultry.....	232,327	67,905	41
Dried & evap. fts.	40,624	- 8,831	18	Fruits.....	490,059	13,340	3
Nuts & nut meats..	118,538	- 34,856	23	Juices.....	403,941	- 53,860	12
Cheese.....	537,635	- 16,883	3	Vegetables.....	874,717	123,652	16
Other dairy prod..	133,748	24,326	22	Beef.....	110,319	- 2,883	3
Shell eggs.....	31,995	- 13,905	30	Veal.....	11,024	- 629	5
Dried eggs.....	5,175	- 672	11	Pork.....	99,320	- 38,767	28
Beef.....	5,783	- 741	11	Lamb and mutton.	9,456	454	5
Pork.....	63,733	- 1,776	3	Edible offal....	44,912	- 352	1
Sausage.....	9,580	608	7	Sausage.....	4,337	235	6
Canned meats.....	47,698	- 11,479	19	Miscellaneous...	244,668	- 1,206	-
Miscellaneous.....	222,404	- 2,829	1				
Total.....	1,866,361	160,213	9	Total.....	2,790,546	59,233	2

(1) For a detailed breakdown see the tables that follow.

## NET WEIGHT OF COOLER AND FREEZER COMMODITIES

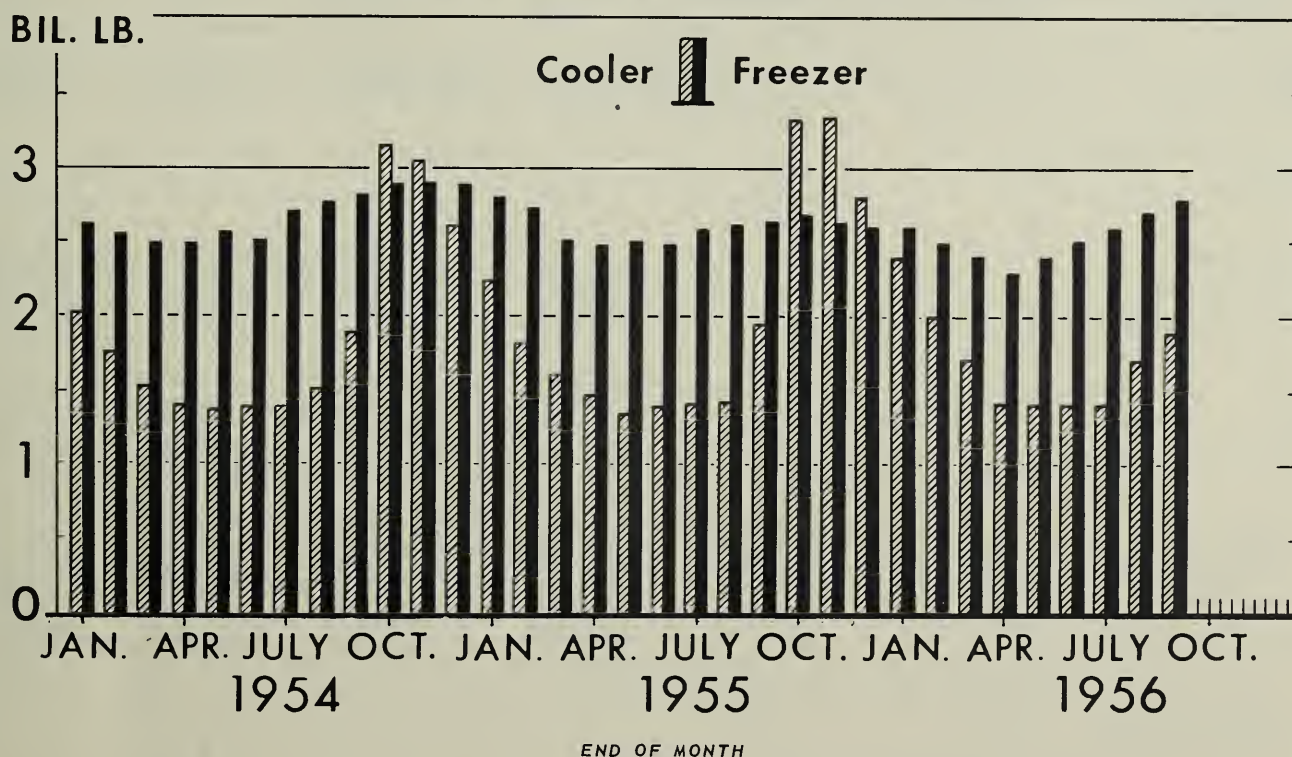


Table 2. — End-of-month stocks of fruits, vegetables, and nuts

Net changes in stocks during September and comparisons:

Fresh apples: Increased by 6 million bushels; September 1955 increase was 9 million bushels, average September increase was 7 million bushels.

Fresh pears: Decreased by 2 million bushels; September 1955 change was an increase of 2 million bushels; average September increase was 1 million bushels.

Commodity	Unit	September 1951-55 av.	September 1955	August 1956	September 1956
		Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Apples, fresh:					
Western (1) . . . . .	Standard boxes	953	368	121	881
Western . . . . .	Other containers	186	107	68	316
Eastern . . . . .	Bushel baskets	1,538	1,550	28	1,076
Eastern . . . . .	Other containers	4,897	7,096	50	3,667
Total . . . . .	Bushel	7,574	9,121	267	5,940
Pears, fresh:					
Bartletts . . . . .	Boxes, baskets, etc.	370	366	6,315	3,128
Bartletts . . . . .	L. A. lugs	(2)	(2)	602	470
Other varieties . . . . .	Boxes, baskets, etc.	2,244	1,869	357	1,430
Other varieties . . . . .	L. A. lugs	(2)	(2)	9	777
Total . . . . .	Boxes, baskets, etc.	(3) 4,401	(3) 3,201	7,283	5,805
Other fruits, vegetables, and nuts:					
Fresh grapes . . . . .	Pound	(2)	27,960	(5) 15,176	(5) 56,795
Other fresh fruits . . . . .	do.	51,366	11,922	26,735	12,227
Dried & evaporated fruits . . . . .	do.	35,941	31,687	49,455	40,624
Onions . . . . .	do.	23,015	25,388	352	4,857
Celery . . . . .	do.	2,783	4,152	213	3,747
Other fresh vegetables . . . . .	do.	24,311	25,635	14,255	20,052
Nut meats, peanuts . . . . .	do.	26,599	29,317	73,623	53,977
Nut meats, other nuts . . . . .	do.	25,370	18,766	45,998	41,699
Peanuts, in shell . . . . .	do.	1,940	3,865	7,401	5,560
Other nuts, in shell . . . . .	do.	14,500	8,096	26,372	17,302

(1) Western apples are those grown in Washington, Oregon, California, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.

(2) Not reported separately prior to January 31, 1956.

(3) In terms of bushels. Does not include cannery stocks.

(4) Data not available. (5) Includes processing stocks.



Table 3. -- End-of-month apple holdings, by States

State	September 1951-55 av.	September 1955	September 1956 <u>1/</u>
	<u>1,000 bu.</u>	<u>1,000 bu.</u>	<u>1,000 bu.</u>
Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut	1,418	1,910	510
New York.....	3,256	4,734	2,023
New Jersey.....	119	226	43
Pennsylvania.....	147	181	159
Ohio.....	56	91	28
Illinois.....	117	161	153
Michigan.....	323	371	<u>2/</u> 1,178
Missouri.....	64	69	76
Kansas.....	13	22	7
Virginia.....	568	487	393
West Virginia.....	170	258	128
Washington.....	556	107	762
Oregon.....	32	4	14
California.....	451	298	344
Other States (1).....	224	202	122
U. S. Total.....	7,574	9,121	5,940

1/ Includes processing stocks. Prior to 1956, processing stocks were excluded.

2/ Based upon more complete returns than in prior years.

Table 4. -- End-of-month pear holdings, by States

State	September 1951-55 av.	September 1955	September 1956 <u>1/</u>
	<u>1,000 bu.</u>	<u>1,000 bu.</u>	<u>1,000 bxs.</u>
Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut	-	-	-
New York.....	65	82	91
New Jersey.....	45	11	9
Pennsylvania.....	5	1	1
Ohio.....	6	2	4
Illinois.....	22	6	11
Michigan.....	44	66	69
Missouri.....	3	2	1
Kansas.....	2	-	28
Virginia.....	-	-	1
West Virginia.....	-	-	-
Washington.....	1,584	1,413	1,741
Oregon.....	1,578	1,037	1,217
California.....	1,035	571	2,621
Other States (1).....	12	10	11
U. S. Total.....	4,401	3,201	5,805

1/ Includes processing stocks. Prior to 1956, processing stocks were excluded.

Table 5. — End-of-month stocks of frozen fruits and vegetables

Net changes in stocks during September and comparisons:

Frozen fruits: Increased by 13 million pounds; September 1955 increase was 30 million pounds; average September increase was 19 million pounds.

Frozen vegetables: Increased by 124 million pounds; September 1955 increase was 67 million pounds; average September increase was 83 million pounds.

Frozen orange juice: Decreased by 5 million gallons; September 1955 decrease was 5 million gallons; average September decrease was 4 million gallons.

Commodity	September 1951-55 av. 1,000 pounds	September 1955 1,000 pounds	August 1956 1,000 pounds	September 1956 1,000 pounds
Fruits, frozen:				
Apples . . . . .	11,883	14,480	20,084	16,356
Apricots . . . . .	6,252	10,310	7,696	7,960
Blackberries . . . . .	16,411	15,814	13,427	16,952
Blueberries . . . . .	22,594	26,511	11,915	18,556
Cherries . . . . .	69,676	83,635	65,845	61,070
Grapes . . . . .	7,798	8,872	4,826	6,385
Peaches . . . . .	30,990	39,976	30,085	43,934
Plums and Prunes . . . . .	9,350	10,077	5,507	9,704
Raspberries . . . . .	34,609	40,704	25,105	23,720
Strawberries . . . . .	142,017	168,646	244,161	233,267
Youngberries, Loganberries, etc. . . . .	13,276	19,304	21,062	20,451
All other fruits . . . . .	26,951	32,110	27,006	31,704
Total . . . . .	391,807	470,439	476,719	490,059
Juices, frozen:				
Orange juice . . . . .	183,246	218,140	333,760	281,646
Gallons equivalent (1) . . . . .	18,510	22,034	33,713	28,449
Other fruit juices and purees . . . . .	79,228	107,148	124,041	122,295
Vegetables, frozen:				
Asparagus . . . . .	18,225	20,676	31,252	29,654
Beans, lima . . . . .	96,886	103,437	57,559	118,640
Beans, snap . . . . .	83,852	104,297	102,101	113,910
Broccoli . . . . .	25,169	22,465	29,863	39,458
Brussels sprouts . . . . .	9,758	13,613	5,359	7,640
Cauliflower . . . . .	7,787	5,774	10,020	12,124
Corn, sweet . . . . .	70,422	86,986	63,653	104,061
Mixed vegetables . . . . .	(2)	(2)	8,961	9,857
Peas, green . . . . .	196,389	188,053	305,615	297,843
Peas and carrots, mixed . . . . .	(2)	(2)	6,478	5,604
Potatoes, french fried . . . . .	(2)	(2)	21,364	19,973
Spinach . . . . .	38,606	33,752	43,555	39,308
All other vegetables . . . . .	73,878	93,521	65,285	76,645
Total . . . . .	620,972	672,574	751,065	874,717

(1) Converted on the basis of 9.9 pounds per gallon.

(2) Data not available.



Table 6. — End-of-month stocks of dairy and poultry products

Net changes in stocks during September and comparisons:

Cream: Decreased by 6 million pounds; September 1955 decrease was 2 million pounds; average September decrease was 5 million pounds.

Butter: Decreased by 27 million pounds; September 1955 decrease was 33 million pounds; average September decrease was 14 million pounds.

Cheese: Decreased by 17 million pounds; September 1955 decrease was 5 million pounds; average September change was an increase of 4 million pounds.

Shell eggs: Decreased by 309 thousand cases, September 1955 decrease was 540 thousand cases; average September decrease was 437 thousand cases.

Frozen eggs: Decreased by 16 million pounds; September 1955 decrease was 25 million pounds; average September decrease was 23 million pounds.

Frozen poultry: Increased by 68 million pounds, September 1955 increase was 42 million pounds; average September increase was 43 million pounds.

Commodity	Unit	September 1951-55 av. Thou.	September 1955 Thou.	August 1956 Thou.	September 1956 Thou.
Cream, milk, and butter:					
Fluid cream . . . . .	Pound	25,002	17,181	22,490	18,248
Plastic cream (75-85% butterfat) . . . . .	do.	3,427	3,477	5,472	3,952
Condensed milk (bulk) . . . . .	do.	20,661	12,040	13,891	11,616
Evap. and Cond. milk (case goods) . . . . .	do.	107,021	110,849	95,531	122,132
Butter, creamery . . . . .	do.	266,312	295,043	118,217	91,346
Cheese:					
American Cheddar . . . . .	do.	407,385	559,448	513,625	498,278
Swiss, including block . . . . .	do.	9,064	6,535	8,751	8,855
All other varieties . . . . .	do.	23,630	26,258	32,142	30,502
Total cheese . . . . .	do.	440,079	592,241	554,518	537,635
Eggs:					
Shell . . . . .	Case	1,027	1,140	1,020	711
Frozen eggs, total . . . . .	Pound	135,795	147,211	167,943	151,920
Whites . . . . .	do.	35,923	37,261	49,589	44,764
Yolks . . . . .	do.	31,262	41,397	41,440	37,343
Whole or mixed . . . . .	do.	60,430	68,553	68,604	62,445
Unclassified . . . . .	do.	8,180	8,154	8,310	7,368
Dried eggs (egg solids) . . . . .	do.	8,602	5,765	5,847	5,175
Total eggs (1) . . . . .	Case	5,397	5,740	5,955	5,164
Poultry, frozen:					
Broilers or fryers . . . . .	Pound	15,662	13,044	18,812	19,552
Roasters . . . . .	do.	7,959	3,579	6,437	7,256
Hens, fowls . . . . .	do.	39,448	28,709	39,028	54,739
Turkeys . . . . .	do.	67,219	76,876	52,955	95,649
Ducks . . . . .	do.	15,763	14,734	11,310	11,960
Miscellaneous . . . . .	do.	7,834	5,392	9,106	10,110
Unclassified . . . . .	do.	21,271	19,613	26,774	33,061
Total poultry . . . . .	do.	175,156	161,947	164,422	232,327

(1) Case equivalent. Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 38.5 pounds to the case and dried eggs on the basis of 10.2 pounds to the case.

Table 7. — End-of-month stocks of dairy and poultry products, by States,  
SEPTEMBER 30, 1956

State	Cream		Creamery butter	American cheese	Shell eggs	Frozen eggs	Total poultry
	Fluid	Plastic					
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 cases	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Massachusetts . . . . .	468	16	2,069	1,820	5	2,151	7,316
Other States . . . . .			658	362	2	1,101	3,060
New England . . . . .			2,727	2,182	7	3,252	10,376
New York . . . . .	9,422	2,171	6,892	83,577	50	11,049	23,308
New Jersey . . . . .	1,146		8,790	5,890	92	5,067	8,749
Pennsylvania . . . . .	1,599	467	2,245	13,717	18	6,223	21,062
Middle Atlantic . . . . .			17,927	103,184	160	22,339	53,119
Ohio . . . . .	584		4,629	16,453	14	7,019	6,177
Indiana . . . . .	26		493	1,999		4,166	1,705
Illinois . . . . .	823		18,649	30,700	299	24,354	29,704
Michigan . . . . .	232		1,591	10,901	7	2,484	6,031
Wisconsin . . . . .	1,441	80	3,533	180,409	1	693	1,273
East North Central . . . . .			28,895	240,462	321	38,716	44,890
Minnesota . . . . .	76	80	11,979	12,309	11	6,147	13,850
Iowa . . . . .	145		3,226	2,018	9	13,325	4,970
Missouri . . . . .	34	326	1,879	50,202	22	24,811	8,071
Dakotas . . . . .			1,330	47		413	444
Nebraska . . . . .	46		2,686	1,175	16	6,755	13,113
Kansas . . . . .			1,358	9,844	9	9,862	2,526
West North Central . . . . .			22,458	75,595	67	61,313	42,974
South Atlantic . . . . .			2,136	25,590	34	6,737	23,936
Kentucky . . . . .			2,143	9,474	2	1,518	1,358
Tennessee . . . . .			719	10,238	6	2,052	1,936
Ala. and Mississippi . . . . .			371	7,634	1	191	1,495
East South Central . . . . .			3,233	27,346	9	3,761	4,789
Arkansas and Louisiana . . . . .			875	4,643	5	1,350	2,986
Oklahoma . . . . .	9		1,516	936	2	2,625	1,543
Texas . . . . .	106	8	1,174	2,129	22	4,270	5,511
West South Central . . . . .			3,565	7,708	29	8,245	10,040
Colorado . . . . .			704	238	7	489	1,999
Other States . . . . .			827	2,382	2	446	5,161
Mountain . . . . .			1,531	2,620	9	935	7,160
Washington . . . . .			2,713	198	2	986	2,801
Oregon . . . . .			1,159	5,262	6	253	4,278
California . . . . .	494	14	5,002	8,131	67	5,383	27,964
Pacific . . . . .			8,874	13,591	75	6,622	35,043
Other States . . . . .	1,597	790					
United States . . . . .	18,248	3,952	91,346	498,278	711	151,920	232,327



Table 8. -- End-of-month stocks of meats and meat products

Net changes in stocks during September and comparisons:

Beef: Decreased by 4 million pounds; September 1955 decrease was .2 million pounds; average September change was an increase of 4 million pounds.

Pork: Decreased by 41 million pounds; September 1955 decrease was 39 million pounds; average September decrease was 62 million pounds.

Other meats: Decreased by 11 million pounds; September 1955 decrease was 3 million pounds; average September decrease was 9 million pounds.

Commodity	September 1951-55 av.	September 1955	August 1956	September 1956
	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>
Beef:				
Frozen . . . . .	118,365	100,799	112,395	109,638
In cure, cured and smoked . . . . .	8,264	9,340	7,331	6,464
Total . . . . .	126,629	110,139	119,726	116,102
Pork:				
Frozen . . . . .	116,712	94,074	126,930	88,663
Dry salt, in cure and cured . . . . .	24,886	13,582	15,553	12,096
Other in cure, cured, and smoked . . . . .	100,747	71,526	61,113	62,294
Total . . . . .	242,345	179,182	203,596	163,053
Other meats and meat products:				
Sausage and sausage room products . . . . .	14,122	12,895	13,074	13,917
Frozen lamb and mutton . . . . .	9,187	8,683	9,002	9,456
Frozen veal . . . . .	10,973	10,747	11,653	11,024
Canned meats and meat products . . . . .	29,077	28,927	59,177	47,698
All edible offal . . . . .	51,191	54,537	45,264	44,912
Total . . . . .	114,550	115,789	138,170	127,007
Total all meats . . . . .	483,524	405,110	461,492	406,162
Hides and pelts . . . . .	72,131	87,316	64,402	64,725

Table 9.-- End-of-month stocks of fishery products (1)

Species	September 1955	August 1956	September 1956
Frozen fish:	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>
Bait & animal food (salt & fresh-water).....	5,774	11,104	8,477
Salt-water:			
Filletts and steaks:			
Blocks and slabs.....	15,397	13,711	15,177
Cod.....	7,610	8,437	10,029
Flounder.....	5,183	4,716	5,025
Haddock.....	9,848	11,260	12,218
Halibut.....	2,825	2,514	2,507
Ocean perch.....	15,217	17,918	21,407
Pollock.....	1,131	806	939
Salmon.....	347	283	466
Whiting (incl. split "butterfly").....	3,251	1,361	1,642
Other filletts and steaks.....	4,059	4,481	5,519
Fish sticks or pieces (cooked & uncooked, all species).....	4,165	5,370	3,974
Round, dressed, etc.:			
Halibut.....	21,882	19,111	23,726
Mackerel (except Spanish).....	1,502	1,382	1,410
Sablefish.....	3,331	1,546	1,944
Salmon:			
King or chinook.....	4,106	5,629	6,418
Silver or coho.....	4,139	4,951	5,425
Fall or chum.....	262	224	1,362
Unclassified.....	1,204	1,883	1,428
Smelt.....	1,674	1,189	1,156
Swordfish.....	2,113	1,504	1,776
Tuna.....	6,942	937	923
Whiting, headed and gutted.....	14,703	10,664	10,344
Other salt-water fish (except bait)....	16,661	14,280	14,654
Fresh-water:			
Filletts and steaks.....	599	1,244	1,245
Round, dressed, etc.:			
Churbs.....	1,687	769	912
Trout.....	1,297	950	896
Whitefish.....	1,802	1,673	1,847
Other fresh-water fish (except bait)....	3,417	3,565	3,742
Frozen shellfish:			
Crabs (incl. crab meat).....	857	2,349	2,021
Lobster tails (spiny).....	2,691	3,984	3,932
Oysters.....	509	562	457
Scallops.....	2,478	2,046	2,396
Shrimp, raw and headless.....	14,220	8,786	11,610
all other.....	4,324	4,382	4,434
Squid.....	1,391	1,143	1,327
Other shellfish.....	2,906	2,071	2,754
Total frozen fish and shellfish.....	191,504	178,785	195,519
Cured fish.....	22,541	16,909	17,118
Total all fish and shellfish.....	214,045	195,694	212,637

(1) Data furnished by the Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service.



Table 10. -- Commodities stored in public general cold storage warehouses,  
August 31, 1956

Cooler commodities	Net Weight	Freezer commodities	Net Weight
	<u>1,000 pounds</u>		<u>1,000 pounds</u>
Apples.....	2,496	Cream.....	23,568
Pears.....	147,550	Butter, creamery.....	108,554
Other fresh fruits.....	18,775	Eggs.....	150,725
Fresh vegetables.....	11,130	Poultry.....	143,798
Dried & evap. fruits....	48,684	Fruits.....	359,214
Nuts & nut meats.....	116,282	Juices.....	218,455
Cheese.....	387,032	Vegetables.....	531,852
Other dairy products....	106,431	Beef.....	86,767
Shell eggs.....	45,315	Veal.....	7,416
Dried eggs.....	4,033	Pork.....	79,395
Beef.....	1,133	Lamb and mutton.....	5,279
Pork.....	926	Edible offal.....	18,459
Sausage.....	554	Sausage.....	3,029
Canned meats.....	39,440	Fish.....	138,931
Lard.....	37,639	Miscellaneous.....	59,878
Fish.....	14,937		
Miscellaneous.....	122,466		
Total.....	1,104,823	Total.....	1,935,320

Table 11. -- End-of-month stocks of certain commodities in storage owned by the  
Government (1)

Commodity	Unit	September 1951-55 av.	September 1955	August 1956	September 1956
		<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>
Butter, creamery.....	lb.	187,194	217,674	37,020	16,785
American Cheddar cheese.....	do.	192,090	309,010	230,235	205,618
Pork.....	do.	10,708	4,393	10,639	4,513
Beef.....	do.	16,855	4,509	6,185	4,707

(1) Government holdings are included in the tables of total holdings elsewhere in the report and consist of reported stocks held by USDA, the Armed Services, and other Government agencies. In addition to stocks reported above, the Armed Services hold some stocks in space owned and operated by them on which figures are not available.

(2) Based on actual reports. Estimates on late reports are not included. Current figures will be revised next month.

(3) Data not available.

TABLE 12. -- Cold storage holdings, by geographic regions.

Commodity	Unit	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
		Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Fruits, frozen:											
Apples . . . . .	Pound	281	4,724	2,660	1,257	4,543	281	489	193	1,928	16,356
Apricots . . . . .	do.	84	555	831	310	221	24	183	62	5,690	7,960
Blackberries . . . . .	do.	15	673	1,146	1,370	310	2,036	902	84	10,416	16,952
Blueberries . . . . .	do.	4,413	4,574	5,789	1,212	777	74	148	137	1,432	18,556
Cherries . . . . .	do.	364	22,699	21,168	4,111	3,393	493	806	2,408	5,628	61,070
Grapes . . . . .	do.	5	1,611	4,294	204	49	92	23	8	99	6,385
Peaches . . . . .	do.	572	6,836	5,615	2,965	8,041	656	1,660	348	17,241	43,934
Plums and prunes . . . . .	do.	10	1,733	3,485	149	74	179	580	183	3,311	9,704
Raspberries . . . . .	do.	871	5,610	4,770	1,561	723	203	262	254	9,466	23,720
Strawberries . . . . .	do.	5,718	24,860	23,627	19,395	9,021	18,239	5,398	2,298	124,711	233,267
Youngberries, Loganberries, etc.	do.	177	1,378	1,693	607	162	78	434	195	15,727	20,451
All other fruits . . . . .	do.	3,158	5,648	4,597	2,775	1,729	394	714	817	11,872	31,704
Total. . . . .	do.	15,668	80,901	79,675	35,916	29,043	22,749	11,599	6,987	207,521	490,059
Juices, frozen:											
Orange juice (1) . . . . .	do.	3,411	14,175	10,886	5,751	208,556	1,170	3,057	1,798	32,842	281,646
Other fruit juices and purees	do.	3,750	23,707	18,940	8,718	39,463	1,259	5,152	1,460	19,846	122,295
Vegetables, frozen:											
Asparagus . . . . .	do.	720	6,888	2,033	2,462	4,393	261	415	490	11,992	29,654
Beans, lima . . . . .	do.	1,119	27,265	6,745	8,196	16,426	3,290	1,252	8,732	45,615	118,640
Beans, snap . . . . .	do.	1,907	45,757	5,337	3,636	8,997	1,652	898	631	45,095	113,910
Broccoli . . . . .	do.	655	7,303	2,241	2,865	1,866	810	700	340	22,678	39,458
Brussels sprouts . . . . .	do.	141	1,802	642	299	424	410	326	266	3,330	7,640
Cauliflower . . . . .	do.	356	1,949	1,278	864	616	372	387	216	6,086	12,124
Corn, sweet. . . . .	do.	1,071	20,997	7,716	27,324	6,594	1,165	1,165	3,602	34,427	104,061
Mixed vegetables . . . . .	do.	196	3,113	902	1,291	931	216	312	207	2,689	9,857
Peas, green. . . . .	do.	17,392	44,213	16,338	38,330	10,553	3,597	1,642	12,451	153,327	297,843
Peas and carrots, mixed. . . . .	do.	122	1,408	416	895	467	116	152	197	1,831	5,604
Potatoes, french fried . . . . .	do.	2,055	4,115	2,387	1,538	1,448	505	296	3,524	4,105	19,973
Spinach . . . . .	do.	684	11,090	2,293	3,693	3,713	853	1,108	831	15,043	39,308
All other vegetables . . . . .	do.	1,473	12,712	7,209	8,740	14,791	9,987	3,065	1,108	17,560	76,645
Total. . . . .	do.	27,891	188,612	55,537	100,133	71,219	23,234	11,718	32,595	363,778	874,717
Fruits, vegetables and nuts:											
Fresh grapes . . . . .	do.	1	47	383	374	57	23	1		55,909	56,795
Other fresh fruits . . . . .	do.	54	3,248	2,275	612	155	89	89	43	5,662	12,227
Dried and evaporated fruits. . . . .	do.	1,386	19,736	6,509	1,353	2,546	578	1,740	19	6,757	40,624
Onions . . . . .	do.		1,875	18	115	34		77		2,738	4,857
Celery . . . . .	do.		3,064	170	492	12	9				3,747
Other fresh vegetables . . . . .	do.		4,492	4,627	805	299	411	801	1,489	7,033	20,052
Peanut meats . . . . .	do.	1,680	684	2,468	390	39,206	1,902	7,209		438	53,977
Other nut meats. . . . .	do.	1,998	11,035	6,538	2,269	2,082	676	4,720	46	12,395	41,699
Peanuts, in shell. . . . .	do.		192	669	133	4,261	27	192	14	72	5,560
Other nuts, in shell . . . . .	do.	1,108	1,781	1,289	997	2,927	834	3,412	58	4,896	17,302
Fresh apples . . . . .	do.	515	2,225	1,396	90	530	29	11	24	1,120	5,940
Fresh pears. . . . .	Bushel	4	101	84	29	2		1	6	5,578	5,805
	Boxes (2)										

(1) Concentrated and single strength.

(2) Standard boxes, bushel baskets, lugs, etc.

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TABLE 12. -- Cold storage holdings, by geographic regions

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Commodity	Unit	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
		Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Dairy products and eggs:											
Cream (not including plastic)	Pound	883	12,167	3,106	301	839	176	132	21	623	18,248
Cream, plastic	do.	661	2,638	80	406	142	3	8		14	3,952
Butter, creamery	do.	2,727	17,927	28,895	22,458	2,136	3,233	3,565	1,531	8,874	91,346
Cheese, American Cheddar	do.	2,182	103,184	240,462	75,595	25,590	27,346	7,708	2,620	13,591	498,278
Cheese, Swiss including block	do.	18	610	4,822	2,922	7		52	287	137	8,855
Cheese, all other varieties	do.	700	9,532	13,890	3,487	888	393	504	540	568	30,502
Eggs, shell	Case	7	160	321	67	34	9	29	9	75	711
Eggs, frozen	Pound	3,252	22,339	38,716	61,313	6,737	3,761	8,245	935	6,622	151,920
Eggs, dried (egg solids)	do.	27	270	522	4,164	71	3	47	2	69	5,175
Poultry, frozen:											
Broilers or fryers	do.	963	3,289	1,768	2,565	4,058	657	2,216	628	3,408	19,552
Roasters	do.	1,216	4,099	740	316	414	7	124	13	327	7,256
Hens, fowls	do.	1,807	17,568	6,961	17,856	1,454	827	1,647	86	6,533	54,739
Turkeys	do.	4,793	16,310	16,794	16,378	11,222	1,432	4,847	4,509	19,364	95,649
Ducks	do.	720	6,568	2,256	401	541	205	332	87	850	11,960
Miscellaneous	do.	710	2,866	2,749	2,084	143	149	179	142	1,088	10,110
Unclassified	do.	167	2,419	13,622	3,374	6,104	1,512	695	1,695	3,473	33,061
Total	do.	10,376	53,119	44,890	42,974	23,936	4,789	10,040	7,160	35,043	232,327
Meats, meat products and fish:											
Beef, frozen	do.	9,377	14,466	31,392	18,344	3,090	3,926	12,737	2,475	13,831	109,638
Veal, frozen	do.	609	2,573	1,916	1,590	762	923	1,565	142	944	11,024
Pork, frozen	do.	1,960	11,300	27,730	27,447	4,581	2,888	5,713	828	6,216	88,663
Lamb and mutton, frozen	do.	299	963	1,943	1,202	179	65	3,026	346	1,433	9,456
Beef, in cure, cured and smoked	do.	104	1,576	2,241	1,770	533	9	78	3	150	6,464
Dry salt pork, in cure & cured	do.	48	314	4,534	4,684	1,217	279	573	362	85	12,096
All other pork, in cure, cured and smoked	do.	145	6,147	11,604	30,928	5,231	1,068	2,621	1,051	3,499	62,294
All edible offal	do.	960	3,876	14,938	15,569	1,331	1,710	2,150	1,359	3,019	44,912
Sausage room products	do.	303	2,545	3,789	4,071	1,235	338	277	186	1,173	13,917
Canned meats and meat products	do.	8,622	13,744	8,552	11,344	872	179	996	293	3,096	47,698
Total	do.	22,427	57,504	108,639	116,949	19,031	11,385	29,736	7,045	33,446	406,162
Hides and pelts	do.	2,286	3,964	17,913	30,849	2,229	586	4,183	1,098	1,617	64,725
Fish, frozen	do.	59,812	35,435	20,320	8,048	7,154	10,221	2,555	738	51,236	195,519

(1) Includes fish in Alaska.

Table 13.--United States refrigerated usable piling space, October 1, 1955 1/

State or geographic region	Type of Warehouse							
	Public general		Private & semiprivate general		Meat-packing plants		Apple houses	
	0° F. or below	Above 0° F. to 50° F.	0° F. or below	Above 0° F. to 50° F.	0° F. or below	Above 0° F. to 50° F.	0° F. or below	Above 0° F. to 50° F.
	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.
Maine, N. H. and Vt.....	1,759	485	201	73	2/	2/	5	1,050
Massachusetts.....	9,207	2,533	898	357	302	280	24	3,935
Rhode Island & Conn.....	1,126	486	24	69	2/	2/	22	2,488
NEW ENGLAND.....	12,092	3,504	1,123	499	359	341	51	7,473
New York.....	20,398	22,728	1,882	3,859	666	3,118	104	15,320
New Jersey.....	8,614	6,356	2,451	458	2/	2/	12	2,074
Pennsylvania.....	8,649	6,218	1,185	1,541	2/	2/	283	4,882
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....	37,661	35,302	5,518	5,858	1,113	4,059	399	22,276
Ohio.....	7,642	4,740	365	400	103	1,891	4	940
Indiana.....	2,157	625	318	151	305	418	2/	2/
Illinois.....	15,732	14,398	4,961	2,229	1,147	3,719	10	1,580
Michigan.....	6,069	5,175	1,139	1,325	(830	(2,105	179	8,434
Wisconsin.....	2,669	6,937	500	4,618			2/	2/
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....	34,269	31,875	7,283	8,723	2,385	8,133	193	11,158
Minnesota.....	5,628	1,349	2,937	169	1,318	608	-	-
Iowa.....	4,090	908	816	436	1,895	2,208	-	-
Missouri & North Dakota.....	8,612	5,785	297	361	986	2,369	2/	2/
South Dakota & Nebraska.....	3,943	938	1,406	273	1,153	4,980	-	-
Kansas.....	5,586	9,302	731	142	654	1,852	2/	2/
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....	27,859	18,282	6,187	1,381	6,006	12,017	5	607
Delaware, Maryland & D. C....	5,956	1,077	418	230	2/	2/	-	880
Virginia and W. Virginia....	3,124	8,132	1,064	855	26	184		
North and South Carolina....	1,289	754	354	308	2/	2/	{233	{14,020
Georgia.....	2,387	4,977	118	135	292	627	-	-
Florida.....	11,502	1,238	13,555	490	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....	24,248	16,178	15,509	2,018	372	1,110	233	14,900
Kentucky.....	1,169	1,250	2/	2/	2/	2/	-	-
Tennessee.....	4,291	2,034	535	35	217	495	2/	2/
Alabama and Mississippi.....	1,233	1,157	2/	2/	2/	2/	-	-
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	6,693	4,441	650	207	265	571	2/	2/
Arkansas.....	653	277	{330	{75	2/	2/	2/	2/
Louisiana.....	2,529	928			2/	2/	-	-
Oklahoma.....	1,220	540	115	96	809	1,772	-	-
Texas.....	7,949	6,381	345	925	1,051	138	-	-
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	12,351	8,126	790	1,096	1,883	1,914	2/	2/
MOUNTAIN.....	5,083	1,580	1,143	304	416	1,279	2/	2/
Washington.....	10,119	2,289	4,385	797	272	764	671	56,189
Oregon.....	7,578	1,848	3,612	868	{277	{1,755	-	6,903
California.....	24,882	11,451	7,525	13,888			532	6,803
PACIFIC.....	42,579	15,588	15,522	15,553	549	2,519	1,203	69,895
UNITED STATES.....	202,835	134,876	53,725	35,639	13,348	31,943	2,084	127,065

1/ Total storage capacity in the United States and the lowest temperature at which it could be held as reported by the latest biennial survey, October 1, 1955.

2/ Not shown to avoid disclosure of individual plant reports.



TABLE 14.-- End-of-month space and occupancy in public general refrigerated warehouses

State or geographic region	Net piling space reported (1) September 1956		Percentage of net piling space occupied							
			September 1951-55 av.		September 1955		August 1956		September 1956	
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Maine, N. H. and Vt. . . .	434	1,484	38	76	25	58	30	53	32	61
Massachusetts . . . . .	2,472	6,015	51	84	60	86	83	73	86	72
R. I. and Connecticut . .	325	1,423	63	69	76	67	31	49	39	57
New England . . . . .	3,231	8,922	50	80	57	79	72	66	74	68
New York . . . . .	22,064	18,261	62	79	63	77	48	69	57	72
New Jersey . . . . .	3,969	9,432	68	86	75	76	61	73	62	75
Pennsylvania . . . . .	4,222	8,819	64	85	65	78	57	79	60	81
Middle Atlantic . . . .	30,255	36,512	63	83	65	77	51	72	58	75
Ohio . . . . .	3,441	6,567	66	85	65	82	69	76	68	78
Indiana . . . . .	689	1,979	75	75	76	68	81	74	73	76
Illinois . . . . .	13,372	13,603	71	82	72	83	74	64	71	65
Michigan . . . . .	3,697	4,110	79	70	78	81	79	84	82	84
Wisconsin . . . . .	5,375	2,007	85	81	84	68	80	68	79	66
East North Central . . .	26,574	28,266	74	83	74	80	75	71	74	72
Minnesota . . . . .	1,586	4,759	73	76	68	69	78	71	80	72
Iowa . . . . .	974	3,097	58	64	43	58	32	50	26	47
Missouri . . . . .	4,708	7,662	72	64	72	59	66	60	68	58
Dakotas and Nebraska . .	837	3,948	57	76	65	54	62	80	61	85
Kansas . . . . .	9,243	5,198	62	70	86	53	53	73	57	74
West North Central . . .	17,348	24,664	68	69	77	59	58	67	61	67
Delaware, Maryland & D.C.	1,370	5,202	63	72	60	53	58	60	63	67
Virginia and West Va. . .	4,848	2,750	54	76	43	66	39	67	52	69
North and South Carolina .	539	785	52	84	37	70	69	70	71	71
Georgia . . . . .	3,342	2,249	64	76	53	79	86	86	78	85
Florida . . . . .	1,030	10,172	63	54	62	48	84	56	76	51
South Atlantic . . . .	11,129	21,158	59	67	50	57	61	62	64	61
Kentucky . . . . .	951	1,171	64	64	82	71	75	79	72	77
Tennessee . . . . .	1,613	3,762	83	83	72	81	86	76	78	77
Alabama and Mississippi .	741	840	74	84	72	77	63	83	64	38
East South Central . . .	3,305	5,773	81	83	75	78	78	78	73	71
Arkansas . . . . .	210	441	68	79	57	75	40	84	38	80
Louisiana . . . . .	1,002	1,420	72	81	66	73	68	75	71	70
Oklahoma . . . . .	528	1,219	61	57	53	66	63	77	58	78
Texas . . . . .	5,914	6,661	55	59	55	43	62	61	61	60
West South Central . . .	7,654	9,741	60	60	56	50	62	66	62	65
Mountain . . . . .	1,280	4,888	57	78	63	77	61	82	68	87
Washington . . . . .	1,591	5,542	44	74	33	61	34	65	35	76
Oregon . . . . .	559	6,351	46	82	44	81	59	70	54	84
California . . . . .	12,288	20,486	62	82	49	75	71	78	68	83
Pacific . . . . .	14,438	33,379	58	80	47	73	66	74	63	82
United States (4) . . .	115,214	173,303	65	78	64	71	63	70	65	72

(1) Space reported to USDA and temperatures at which it was held September 30, 1956.

(2) Preliminary

(3) Insufficient returns received from this State.

(4) Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.

**TABLE 15.-- End-of-month space and occupancy in public general warehouses in selected cities**

City (1)	Net piling space reported (2)		Percentage of net piling space occupied							
			August 1955		September 1955		August 1956		September 1956	
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
New England:										
Boston . . . . .	1,695	4,718	61	92	56	90	95	74	95	74
Middle Atlantic:										
New York . . . . .	6,216	8,216	85	74	78	72	86	71	85	71
Jersey City . . .	3,663	5,838	81	79	78	73	63	70	63	70
Buffalo . . . . .	565	2,166	95	77	94	87	100	55	99	67
Rochester . . . .	6,583	2,531	23	67	47	70	16	59	37	66
Philadelphia . . .	1,503	5,880	85	72	76	74	70	77	71	80
Pittsburgh . . . .	1,488	2,108	70	81	65	83	57	84	59	86
E. N. Central:										
Cleveland . . . .	2,077	2,631	57	79	60	84	63	74	64	77
Cincinnati . . . .	3/	3/	75	78	80	80	80	71	3/	3/
Chicago . . . . .	10,449	12,798	77	80	74	84	77	64	72	65
Detroit . . . . .	3,124	3,701	76	83	75	79	76	84	80	86
Milwaukee . . . .	659	1,390	90	73	90	74	63	74	62	75
W. N. Central:										
Minneapolis . . .	848	1,932	82	79	62	78	84	74	84	73
St. Louis . . . .	2,005	3,546	64	63	65	61	59	58	56	54
Kansas City . . .	1,717	5,288	63	55	59	55	55	77	60	78
South Atlantic:										
Baltimore & D. C.	1,320	4,956	67	50	59	53	57	59	63	66
Richmond . . . .	940	721	69	67	65	61	67	70	65	69
Norfolk . . . . .	3/	3/	80	70	85	68	87	68	3/	3/
E. S. Central:										
Nashville . . . .	3/	3/	71	85	72	86	85	86	3/	3/
Memphis . . . . .	118	1,564	67	74	62	77	94	69	83	72
W. S. Central:										
New Orleans . . .	857	1,181	69	65	64	67	66	70	67	64
Dallas . . . . .	3,452	3,578	60	42	60	41	62	61	61	60
Ft. Worth . . . .	802	1,229	50	32	39	38	54	54	51	52
Pacific:										
Seattle . . . . .	633	1,183	54	56	53	64	75	56	81	72
Tacoma . . . . .	353	1,984	9	67	8	70	5	53	5	69
Portland . . . . .	338	3,483	68	82	55	84	54	65	43	75
Los Angeles . . .	2,873	6,553	71	72	68	79	87	85	88	87
San Francisco . .	2,187	2,591	66	78	58	74	77	78	73	79
San Jose . . . . .	2,390	3,215	89	76	42	75	92	77	93	93
Modesto . . . . .	966	2,340	64	75	56	69	59	91	56	95

(1) Space shown includes public warehouses within a 25-mile radius of city named.

(2) Space reported to USDA and temperatures at which it was held September 30, 1956.

(3) Insufficient returns received from this city.



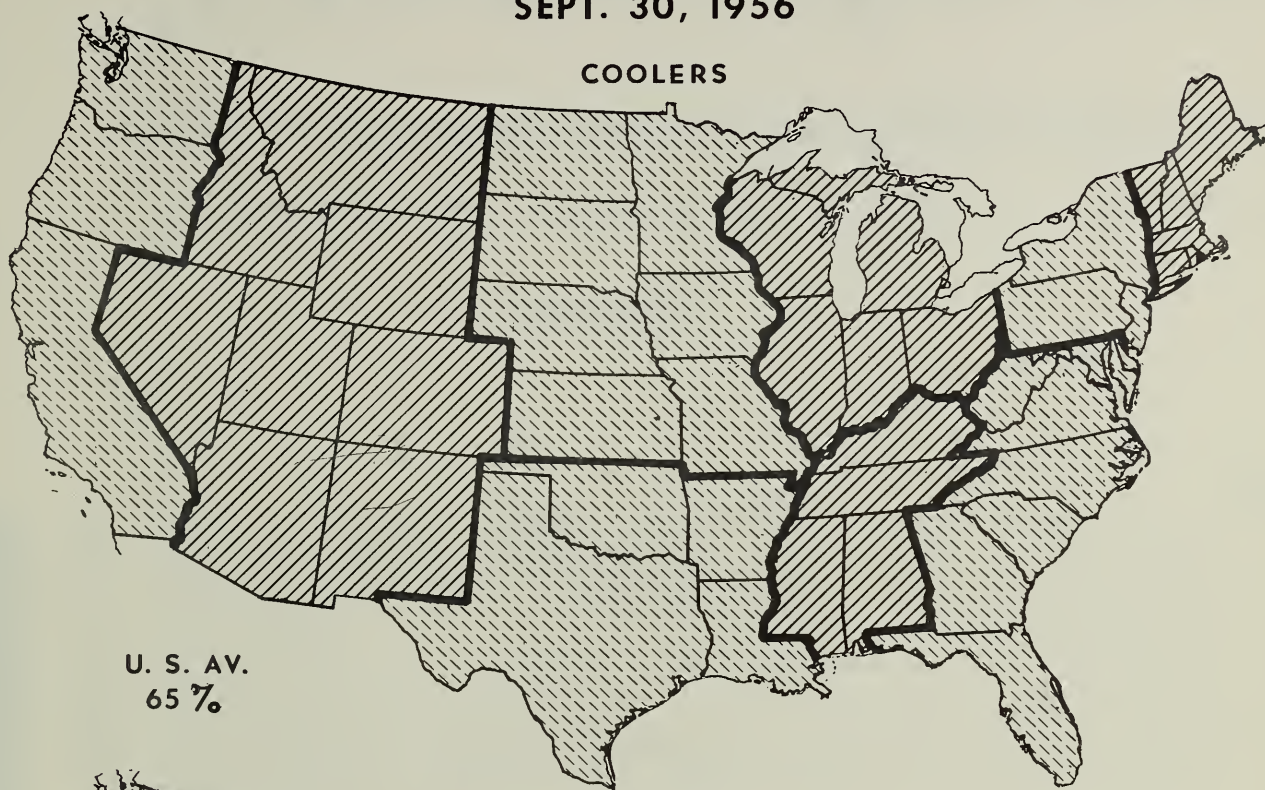
# PUBLIC GENERAL COLD-STORAGE WAREHOUSES

(APPLE HOUSES EXCLUDED)

PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED

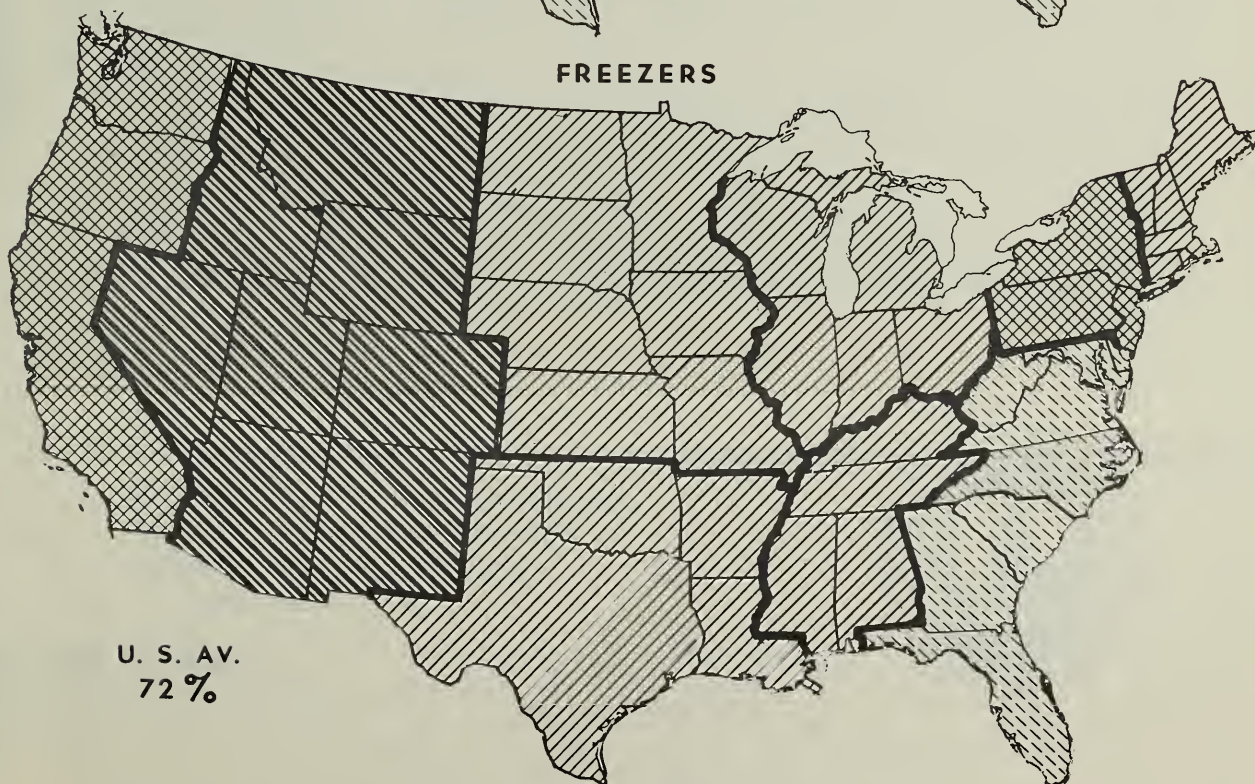
SEPT. 30, 1956

## COOLERS



U. S. AV.  
65 %

## FREEZERS



U. S. AV.  
72 %

## % OCCUPANCY

Under 55   55 - 64   65 - 74   75 - 84   85 & over

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